

Ten Million Stolen From Mail Train

Express Car Robbed Near
Council Bluffs, Iowa, of
Gold and Bonds; Three
Arrested; One Confesses

Nine Registered Sacks Are Stolen

Express Officials, How-
ever, Declare Loot Will
Not Be Over \$20,000

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Nov. 14.—Three men were under arrest to-night in connection with the robbery of the Burlington Express mail train from Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Chicago. Two of them are mail clerks. The other man arrested is said to have confessed.

From a Special Correspondent
OMAHA, Nov. 14.—California gold, currency, bonds and stocks, variously estimated as worth anywhere from \$10,000 to \$100,000, were stolen last night from the Transcontinental Fast Mail train between Omaha and Council Bluffs, and the robbers made a complete getaway, taking their loot with them.

The gold was said to be on the way from the mint at San Francisco to the United States Treasury at Washington. The currency, bonds and stocks were being sent by registered mail from banks in various cities of California to their correspondents in Eastern cities, and the value of the loot will not be known until these correspondents and the California banks compare notes and check off the missing packages of money.

The treasure left San Francisco last Wednesday on the Union Pacific train, and was transferred to the Burlington Transcontinental Fast Mail at Omaha. Burlington officials in Chicago are said to deny that the property lost was more than \$20,000 value, but other reports are that the loss will run as high as \$100,000.

Biggest in 25 Years
The robbery took place at the western edge of Council Bluffs, and the Burlington City Depot on the southeastern edge of the city.

"It is the biggest train robbery in twenty-five years," said Captain Charles Shaffer of the Council Bluffs Police Department.

Upon arrival of the Union Pacific train from San Francisco the valuable registered mail was transferred to the fast mail train, which was waiting. The car was locked and was placed in the center of the fast mail train with three mail cars on either side of it. But shortly after midnight the door of the car was opened and the robbers entered. The robbers reached the treasure car and found the door locked and chained from the inside.

Scenting trouble of some sort, the clerk gathered other postal clerks to his aid and knelt down the door of the locked car. It was then discovered that the side door of the car had been broken open and that the registered mail, together with the strong boxes, had been thrown from the car on to the right of way. It is supposed that the robbers followed the treasure just before the door was smashed.

An Inside Job
"It was undoubtedly a professional job," said Chief Eberstein, of the Omaha police. "The man who engineered the job knew just exactly what he was doing, and he knew where to look for the valuable mail and knew enough to stop when he found it. It was well organized and well executed. In fact, it seems to have been the work of experienced professionals."

Today was given over to pursuit of the robbers. But with the entire police forces of Omaha and Council Bluffs and the postal inspectors and agents of the United States Treasury in this district working on the case, at 10 o'clock to-night not a single clew had been discovered and not a single arrest made.

\$93,000 Payroll of Steel Co. Stolen From Mail Bag

WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 14.—The payroll of \$93,000 in currency in transit from the Federal Reserve Bank at Wheeling to the Weirton Steel Company was reported in this city to-night, according to word received from Steubenville (Ohio) authorities, who are said to have been notified of the theft by postal inspectors.

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio, Nov. 14.—The payroll of the Weirton Steel Company at Weirton, W. Va., amounting to \$93,000, was stolen from a registered mail bag some time yesterday, it was reported in this city to-night.

The currency was taken from a Pittsburgh bank to the postoffice there, placed in a registered mail bag and shipped to Weirton from the Pennsylvania Railroad station, according to reports. When the bag arrived at Weirton it was found to contain only a few sheets of paper instead of the money.

Hara Sure Exclusion Act Won't Hurt U.S. Relations

TOKIO, Nov. 14.—Premier Hara, addressing 5,000 of his supporters to-day, said that no question had been raised in Japan by the exclusion of Japanese from California. He declared it would be regrettable if the question affected the good relations of Japan and the United States, but that a sensible solution of the problem is possible.

Premier Hara said, and asserted the belief that a majority of Americans did not desire California's exclusion. He said that the Japanese government would result in a satisfactory settlement.

D'Annunzio Expected To Retire to Monastery

PARIS, Nov. 14.—The Excelsior to-day publishes a photograph of San Eufemia monastery, to which D'Annunzio's friend, Achille Richard, who arrived in Paris recently, says he believes D'Annunzio will retire. D'Annunzio once offered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Fiume to M. Richard.

Kidnap Guard, Loot Cars of \$70,000 Rum

Twenty Raid \$250,000
Cargo in Newark Freight
Yards of P. R. R.; Fight
Pistol Duel With Police

Six Auto Trucks Used Two of Motor Vehicles That Carted Goods Away Be- lieved to Have Been Stolen

Whisky and alcohol valued at nearly \$70,000 were stolen between 2 and 4 o'clock yesterday morning from freight cars in the South Broad Street yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Newark. The thieves had stripped two cars of their cargoes and had almost emptied another car when they were attacked by Newark police reserves and forced to flee.

The robbery was carefully planned. Two hours before the thieves had been put to flight by the reserves, Patrolman James Gregory, of the Pennsylvania Railroad police force, who guards the South Broad Street yards, was kidnapped by five men armed with revolvers. He was carried in an automobile to a town in Passaic County and deposited by the roadside at 6 a.m.

Before the car thieves were routed they found the pistol duel with the police, in which thirty shots were fired. The entire lot of whisky and alcohol in the yards was valued at \$250,000.

At least twenty men, the police say, took part in the robbery. Six were caught. The thieves made their getaway with 588 cases of whisky valued at \$30,000 and forty-four barrels of alcohol valued at nearly \$30,000. Six trucks were used in hauling the stuff away. Two trucks were recovered, one loaded with twenty-three barrels of whisky worth \$17,500.

Patrolman Is Kidnaped

At 2:30 o'clock this morning an automobile patrolled up to the Point Street car to the Jersey City railroad yards, where Patrolman Gregory was standing. The car was occupied by five men. One of them engaged Gregory in conversation, asking details about the route to Atlantic City. The other four stepped out of the machine, drew revolvers and poked them in the patrolman's face. They bundled him into the car, locked and chained from the inside.

The bandits drove at a rapid rate through Elizabeth, Springfield, Morris town and Bernardsville, always keeping a revolver jammed against the ribs of the patrolman. The car was stopped at a house in the woods, where the bandits unloaded their cargo. Gregory was dumped out of the machine, one of his captors shouting a demand for "money."

Gregory "trudged" to a garage and found that he had been hauled to Sing Sing, Passaic County. When he talked a few minutes later over the telephone to the Jersey City railroad police he suggested that somebody he sent on the run to the South Broad Street yards.

Gregory had been attended to. Shortly after Gregory had been taken away from Newark and the railroad yards had been left unguarded, an engineer in the cab of a switch engine noticed men about a freight car. Approaching the car he saw they were loading a truck in the darkness.

Present Engineer With Whisky
One of the men spied the engineer and lugged a case of whisky to the locomotive and placed it aboard. "Take it to the engine," he said. "Good liquor." In ten minutes the engineer had communicated with the police and a squad of reserves, with several detectives, was dispatched to the scene. The reserves arrived first. They found at least twenty men bustling around a freight car with a truck almost filled.

Realizing they were surrounded, the thieves began to run, firing at the policemen as they did so. The police is said, fired at least twenty shots, but because of the darkness it is not believed any of them were effective. The robbers made their getaway by dodging through the maze of tracks, halting behind cars as they ran.

The detectives, coming from headquarters, arrived after the gang had fled. They were careful in entering the yard, because they feared that they might be mistaken for the car breakers.

Liquor Worth \$250,000

The freight cars were loaded, and it is probable it took the men some time to break in. The whisky was in crates and the alcohol in barrels. The barrels were stolen from Newark and Jersey City distilling companies, P. R. R. When the thieves were routed they had one of the two trucks that were recovered backed against the door of a car, needing only a few more cases before it was ready to depart.

Bills of lading showed that 238 cases of whisky had been consigned to Samuel Gray, warehouseman, of 244 Hudson Street, Newark, and fifty barrels of alcohol consigned to Frederick Nieberg, wholesale liquor dealer, of 147 South Orange Avenue, Newark.

Two of the motor trucks used were stolen. Inspector George Spencer, of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, said the entire lot of liquor was worth at least \$250,000 and was of the opinion that seven automobile trucks were used in hauling it away.

Police reserves remained at the scene of the fight until after daylight. Near the rified cars they found a sheepskin-lined coat, a black overcoat, two caps and two chisels.

Japan Denies Plan to Fortify
Mandated Pacific Islands
TOKIO, Nov. 14.—Captain Nomura, said to the Minister of the Navy, speaking in the name of the minister yesterday, said every report that Japan was fortifying or planning to fortify and establish bases in the mandated Pacific islands is wholly and completely false, according to the Kokusa Agency. Japan, he declared, is living up strictly to every mandate under the terms of the League of Nations covenant.

League Dead Without U. S., Nations' View

Delegates at Geneva De-
clare There Can Be No
Union Without America;
Will Accept Revisions

Poland and Danzig In Clash Over Port

France Reported Ready to Withdraw if Ger- many Is Admitted Now

By Arthur S. Draper
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GENEVA, Nov. 14.—The Council of the League of Nations, at its final meeting to-day prior to the opening of the assembly here to-morrow, decided to leave vacancies on the mandatory commission and the financial and economic committees so that an American delegate can be placed on each of them if the Washington government later desires representation.

All the delegates with whom the Tribune correspondent has talked insist that unless the United States joins the league there will be no league. This view is held by the British, French, Swedish and Chinese, to mention only a few who have thus expressed themselves. The South Americans and the nations that were neutral during the war, who are the keenest supporters of the league, insist upon the necessity of having the United States in the league because it is not tied to Europe with fettering alliances. No reservations which the United States might consider necessary to insure her independence would be unacceptable to the league.

Heated Clash Over Danzig

Herr Saim, who heads the Polish list of war criminals and who is now Oberbürgermeister of Danzig, speaking in German before the league council, declared that the Polish inhabitants of his city that Poland's demand for military control of her port was intolerable. Ignace Jan Paderewski in a very speech gave the members to understand that Poland was not satisfied with anything less than domination of Danzig by Polish armed forces.

The council members had thought that a nine-year lease on the harbor facilities of Danzig, similar to that granted the Czechoslovaks at Hamburg, would settle the question of Danzig. But the Polish demand for military control of her port was intolerable. Ignace Jan Paderewski in a very speech gave the members to understand that Poland was not satisfied with anything less than domination of Danzig by Polish armed forces.

When members of the league council saw today that no solution could be reached, the personal wrangle into which the meeting between Herr Saim and Paderewski resolved itself, the council would again consider the problem.

After the failure of the league to settle one of the two questions agitating Poland, it was thought better not to embroil the Lithuanian dispute at to-day's session. Instead, the members thought it would be profitable to discuss the constitution of the mandatory commission. Here also a hot dispute arose over the report presented by the secretariat of the league.

America's interest in the mandatory commission lies in the fact that this body is charged with the task of the open-door policy provided for in the mandatory regions by the Treaty of Versailles. Officials of the league admitted that the method that has passed since the signing of the Turkish Treaty for Sevres there has been a strong tendency for the mandatory regions to become little more than colonies.

The league secretariat, therefore, placed a proposal before the council to-day for the establishment of a mandatory commission to see that the application of the terms of the Treaty of Versailles. They suggested the appointment of a commission of fifteen members, eight of whom should be nominated by the new mandatory powers. The secretariat believed that the council would agree to this map.

Hungary Will Mourn While Treaty Is Enforced

Black Flag to Fly Over Public Buildings; Premier Asks Trial for Part in Terms

BUDAPEST, Nov. 14.—When the peace treaty between Hungary and the Entente Allies came up in the National Assembly yesterday the Deputies rose in a roar of wild adventure, in an effort to escape from this stormbound fishing village. The entire party bundled into the small coach which runs on the narrow gauge railroad between Point Isabel and Brownsville. They had planned to spend the remainder of their Texas stay in Brownsville, to escape the rigors of the severe northern winter which has raged for forty-eight hours over the Point.

But the train, which is pulled by an automobile engine mounted on four wheels, had scarcely run a mile beyond the village when its transmission shaft snapped under the load. This was at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Xmas Cards, distinctive in great variety, calendar by the world's best painter, Collier, Macy & Co. 7 E. 45th st.—29 John St.—Advt.

League Aims to Bring About Disarmament

GENEVA, Nov. 14 (By The Associated Press).—Although delegates to the League of Nations Assembly that begins its sessions here to-morrow are modest in forecasting the work of that body, they hope to fix definitely a system of disarmament and decide upon the organization of an economic blockade, so as to make it an effective arm against aggressive nations.

The attitude of the delegates toward the United States is that the League of Nations must go on whether the United States comes in or not, but that it must be developed in a way that will not close the door for entry when means are found to make that possible.

Venezelos Says Party Has Won Greek Election

Victory for Premier Means
Constantine's Chance to
Regain Throne Is Lost;
Royalists Are Routed

Gounaris Ready to Flee Defeat Makes Him an Exile; Republic May Be Result; Venizelists Will Dictate

ATHENS, Nov. 15 (By The Associated Press).—Premier Venizelos announces that his party obtained a majority in the elections held throughout Greece to-day.

On the outcome of the elections was expected to hinge the question of whether former King Constantine shall come back to the throne again or remain in exile in Switzerland.

Demetrius Gounaris, former Premier and leader of the Opposition, who was the opponent of Premier Venizelos in the balloting, was the candidate of the elements desiring the return of Constantine. M. Venizelos, on the other hand, is unalterably opposed to the return of the fallen monarch.

A bitter campaign has been waged by both sides, and a matter which side carries the elections trouble is feared. Claims of certain victory were made by both the Venizelists and the Royalists, with indications that M. Venizelos would poll a big majority in the new provinces of Macedonia and Thrace and the islands, but that old Greece would witness a close struggle.

Gounaris Ready to Flee
Gounaris made preparations for quick flight in case the elections went against him, having requested passports to Italy on Friday last. Exiled during the war on the charge of high treason, he was permitted, with the approval of M. Venizelos, to return to take part in the campaign, but should he fail of election his parliamentary immunity would expire immediately.

Premier Venizelos's success means that he will be given a free hand in the selection of a new head of the state. Prince Paul, who was offered the throne on the death of King King Alexander, has not yet formally accepted the government's invitation to return from Switzerland and rule Greece.

The full results of the election will not be known until Monday night, when there is the army vote in Smyrna and other distant points to be taken into consideration. It is expected that the soldiers will support Venizelos.

Venizelists Confident

Prior to the balloting the Venizelists needed themselves confident of victory. They claimed the certain return of 150 deputies, but they need 250 or more to overwhelm the Royalists and demonstrate fully that the country inures the last four years' policy.

The Premier's party looks for a big majority in Attica and other parts of Greece and also in Thessaly and Macedonia, and he is confident that there will be a lone vote in Constantine's stronghold, Peloponnese, pointing out that after the Premier's trip to Salonica in order to use his influence as possible Venizelos's work there.

Early in the day in summing up the prospects brought to him in his modest next door to the American Legation, the Premier said confidently: "I will show the definite determination of the people to realize their destiny and to place their place as a civilized factor in the Near East."

The campaign grew more intense as election day approached. The Opposition in dozens of newspapers made charges against the Venizelists. It was alleged that they had disorganized shipping and were using all kinds of craft to bring hundreds of thousands of refugees from Smyrna and Batum to vote. It was charged also that passports were being issued giving them free passage.

Harding Marooned Four Hours On Train Stalled in Storm

From a Staff Correspondent
POINT ISABEL, Tex., Nov. 14.—President-elect Harding returned to Point Isabel to-night after an afternoon of wild adventure, in an effort to escape from this stormbound fishing village. The entire party bundled into the small coach which runs on the narrow gauge railroad between Point Isabel and Brownsville. They had planned to spend the remainder of their Texas stay in Brownsville, to escape the rigors of the severe northern winter which has raged for forty-eight hours over the Point.

But the train, which is pulled by an automobile engine mounted on four wheels, had scarcely run a mile beyond the village when its transmission shaft snapped under the load. This was at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Mexican engineer took the machinery apart there on the prairie and after nearly four hours' labor repaired it.

Reds Occupy Sebastopol; Crush Foes

Wrangel's Army Wiped
Out; Many Commanders
Commit Suicide; Red
Cross Stores Pillaged

U. S. Citizens Flee Aboard Destroyers

Blockade of Black Sea Coast Ordered by Allies to Check the Bolsheviks

By Frank Getty
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LONDON, Nov. 14.—Sebastopol has been captured by the Reds, according to reports received from Paris to-night. There is no confirmation of these dispatches in London, where the latest advice from Constantinople says that General Wrangel, leader of the broken South Russian armies, was expected to evacuate Sebastopol to-day. Bolshevik cavalry was reported to be closing in on the Crimean capital, but the main body of the Soviet army was not expected to reach the city for some time.

Wrangel's overwhelming defeat is reported to have been brought on by mutinous outbreaks against his leadership. Premier Krivoschin, of the South Russian government, has reached Constantinople, where he is arranging for the transportation of the remnants of the Wrangel forces and the thousands of refugees from Sebastopol.

The greatest activity is reported in the British Mediterranean fleet, but apparently it consists merely of maneuvers to afford an opportunity to release certain warships to go to the Crimea and aid the refugees, whose plight is characterized as terrible.

Blockade on Black Sea

LONDON, Nov. 14 (By The Associated Press).—A blockade of the Russian Black Sea coast has been declared, according to the Constantinople correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

British destroyers have begun patrolling the sea to prevent the Bolsheviks from communicating with the Turkish coast.

Americans Being Removed

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 14 (By The Associated Press).—The army of General Wrangel has been wiped out and a number of his generals have committed suicide.

The fighting at Perekop was of the most desperate character. The Bolsheviks, according to latest advice, admit they had 30,000 men killed. They claim to have taken 40,000 prisoners. They owe their success largely to the use of poison gas.

It is said that, at the request of the French representative, attacks on Wrangel's headquarters, the Bolsheviks have granted eight days for evacuation of the Crimea.

The American torpedo boat destroyers at Sebastopol are evacuating officers and their families. The American destroyer Hiram, which has gone to Yalta to take off the Red Cross supplies.

The United States transport Farah has arrived here with 100 sick and wounded, who were cared for by the American Red Cross. It is said that the Reds were spreading terror among the population of the Crimea.

The Allied authorities here are requisitioning all available buildings for the sick and wounded. The shelters and barracks on Princes Islands, in the Sea of Marmara, to house refugees expected to arrive from the Crimea.

Wrangel's Commanders Killed

The Reds broke through the defense of General Wrangel on the Isthmus of Perekop, according to the best reports obtainable here, by concentrating twenty divisions against three divisions of the White army. Wrangel's men, although greatly outnumbered, fought twenty-two assaults before they were finally broken.

The commanders of most of Wrangel's units were killed, and the losses in men also were very large.

The success of the Bolsheviks is attributed largely to the excellence of their high command, which is said to be directed by a foreigner.

Six Children Die in Panic At Cry of Fire in Theater; Two Owners Are Arrested

Law That Bars Children From Motion
Picture Shows To Be Strictly Enforced

The great number of children in the motion picture theater at 76 Catharine Street yesterday when the panic started has inspired the police to start a campaign for stricter enforcement of the ordinance forbidding motion picture theater proprietors to sell tickets to youngsters unless they are accompanied by adults.

To-day theater proprietors will be warned to enforce the law in connection with their young patrons, and the police have been instructed to see that this warning is obeyed.

Many children, the police say, hang about the lobbies of theaters until they can prevail upon some kind-hearted adult patron to take them in as his own charges.

The police have been instructed to look out for these small evaders of the law, as well as to exercise strict supervision over the theater proprietors.

Copeland Calls Two New York Actresses Are Found Slain

Health Director to Meet
Local Distributors and
Plan Handling of the Fuel
Supply on Way to City

Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Health Commissioner, will confer to-day with W. M. Speer, special Deputy Attorney General; J. F. Bermingham, chairman of the coal producers' emergency committee, and representatives of local distributing agencies to devise means of bringing the quickest relief from the acute fuel shortage that beset the city with the advent of cold weather last Friday.

Tonnage thought to be sufficient to avert suffering from cold is already on the way to New York and is expected to arrive by Thursday. The conferees to-day will discuss means of facilitating distribution through small dealers and at the same time caring for the immediate needs of large consumers when their supply arrives.

The continued cold weather yesterday aggravated the situation, which has grown worse daily since the thermometer took its downward plunge. Joseph M. Lonergan, chief sanitary inspector of the Health Department, said a survey of the city's coal pockets showed little available fuel on hand, and that complaints of insufficient heat from apartment house dwellers and of inability of householders to obtain fuel continued to pour into the department.

Mr. Lonergan also said arrangements had been made with one large coal concern by which fuel will be retailed to the poor in small quantities at 80 cents a 100 pounds. This price is 20 cents under the usual market. The scope of this distribution, however, is contingent upon the action of the company to keep a supply on hand.

Mr. Bermingham, whose committee will begin at once a supervision of wholesale and retail prices with a view to eliminating the unfair practices which in the past have added to the price, expressed confidence that the crisis would be bridged by the latter part of the week. He said about 3,000,000 tons of coal had been shipped lately to Canada and nearly 4,000,000 tons to New England.

An emergency supply for New York is being loaded at the mines, and there is every reason to believe that sufficient coal to care for the city's immediate needs will be available within four days. It then will be a question of the most effective distribution, and that is what we expect to work out with the Health Department.

Under even ordinary conditions the shipment to Canada and New England west of about this time of year and the supply for those sections is diverted to New York. From this time on there will be less difficulty in obtaining coal here.

Police Begin Inspection Of Automobiles To-day

Machines in Storage and Those
Standing at Curbs To Be
Examined First

General inspection of automobiles to lessen accidents as well as discover stolen cars will be begun by the police to-day, it was announced yesterday, with the examination of machines in storage and those found standing at curbs. It probably will take at least a week to inspect cars in garages and standing in the streets, it was said, and then all policemen on patrol duty will stop every automobile and commercial truck not having on the windshield a tag showing it has been inspected.

Every patrolman who goes on duty after 6 o'clock this morning and until December 6 will carry a number of envelopes, each envelope containing a complete set of papers for an inspection. A report must be made to the captain of the precinct upon every envelope.

It was said at Police Headquarters that every patrolman has had sufficient training to enable him to detect defects in brakes and steering apparatus which are considered a menace to public safety. The police expect to discover many stolen machines.

Mob Lynchs Negro After Chase on Train

Alleged Assailant of Aged White
Woman Hanged When Jail
Doors Are Battered

BRISTOL, Tenn., Nov. 14.—Dave Hunt, colored, twenty-five years old, captured after a chase on a passenger train and held for an alleged assault on an aged white woman, was taken from the jail at Wise, Va., early to-day by a mob of about seventy-five men, and hanged to a bridge near Kent Junction.

After the lynching the mob quietly dispersed, and to-night no arrests had been reported. Entrance was gained to the jail by breaking down the doors. The negro was taken to the scene of the lynching in an automobile.

The alleged attack on the woman, who is sixty years old, occurred at her home Friday. Shortly after she flagged a passenger train and told members of the crew that she had been attacked by the negro, whom they could see walking on the railway right of way some distance ahead. The train started after the negro, who headed for the mountainside when he saw that he was being pursued. The trainmen left their train and took to the woods after the fugitive, who soon was captured.

THE WEATHER
Fair to-day; unsettled to-morrow, with
probably rain or snow and
lower temperature.
Full Report on Last Page

TWO CENTS In Greater New York	THREE CENTS Within 200 Miles	FOUR CENTS Elsewhere
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